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Application of: Wolfgang Dietmaier

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For: METHOD FOR MELTING
CURVE ANALYSIS OF
REPETITIVE PCR PRODUCTS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

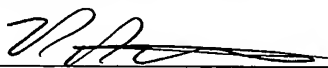
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 25, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-6), drawn to a method of analyzing a target nucleic acid consisting of repetitive and non-repetitive sequences, without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute Group II (Claims 7-13), drawn to polynucleotide hybridization probes, in a divisional or continuation application.

No fee is believed due for filing this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP U.S. Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (Order No. 1803-316-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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